

2026 Ohio Chamber Workforce Summit

Location: Ohio Statehouse

Date: June 11, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM with networking reception

8:00 – 9:00 AM -- Registration, Networking Breakfast & Resource Fair

9:00 – 9:15 AM -- Welcome Remarks

9:15 – 10:00 AM -- Opening Keynote

- Kyle Baltuch, Strada Education Network

10:00 – 10:45 AM -- Panel: “Building and Sustaining Ohio’s Talent Pipeline”

- Brittany Rogers, Illuminate USA

10:45 – 11:00 AM -- Break

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM -- Panel -- “Upskilling in the Age of AI: Reskilling, Retention & Role Redesign”

- Rachel Kargas, Reten Benefit
- Jake Vasilj, COSI

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM -- Lunch & Keynote Fireside -- “Public Policy & Business: The State Legislative Outlook for Workforce Development”

1:00 – 1:15 PM -- Break

1:15 – 2:00 PM -- Panel – “Higher Education’s Role in Workforce Development”

- Toney Stroud, Marshall University

2:15 – 3:00 PM -- Panel – “Career Development Pathways and Opportunities”

- Robb Gonda, ESC of Central Ohio
- Kristin Smith, Lorain County JVS

3:00 – 3:45 PM -- Closing Panel -- “Workforce Trends in Ohio”

- John Sherwood, JobsOhio
- Mark Williams, Sierra Nevada Corporation

3:45 – 4:00 PM -- Closing Remarks & Call to Action

4:00 – 6:00 PM -- Networking Reception & Sponsor Tables